

Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/090,685
Examiner: Vishu K. Mendiratta
Status of Application: Final

First Named Applicant: Alfred THOMAS *et al.*
Art Unit: 3713
Confirmation No.: 8496

Tentative Participants:

(1) Vishu K. Mendiratta

(2) Michael Baniak

(3) Allison Dudley

(4)

Proposed Date of Interview: _____

Proposed Time: _____

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic

(2) ☐ Personal

(3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated:

☐ YES

☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

| Issues (Rej., Obj., etc.) | Claims/Fig. #s | Prior Art | Discussed | Agreed | Not Agreed |
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| (1) Rejected § 102(b) | 25,27,28,29- 46,50-51 | Walker Feola | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Rejected § 103(a) | 26,47-48,52 | Walker | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Walker discloses elements that are each assigned to at least one location on a punch-board.

Feola discloses elements that are each assigned to at least one location of a grid, i.e., the grid has one card location for each card.

The present invention discloses a set of elements available to each location, but only one element of the set is randomly assigned to a location. Thus, it is possible for an element not to be assigned to any location (or the same element assigned to all locations), or to every location.

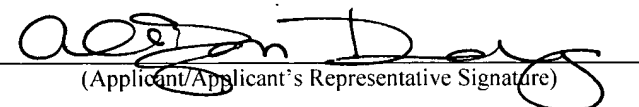
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NOTE:

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Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

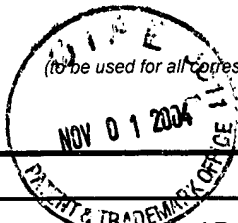

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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TRANSMITTAL FORM



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| Attorney Docket No. | 2100/24 |
| Application Number | 10/090,685 |
| Filing Date | March 5, 2002 |
| First Named Inventor | Alfred Thomas, et al. |
| Group Art Unit | 3712 |
| Examiner | Vishu K. Mendiratta |

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Response Office Action mailed July 2, 2004 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time PTO/SB/22 (+duplic) w/check for \$110.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, art <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawings: <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Petition Routing Slip (PTO/SB/69) and Accompanying Petition <input type="checkbox"/> To Convert a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. <input type="checkbox"/> Request of Refund | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post Card Receipt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Enclosure(s) (please identify below): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| | | | | | Small Entity | | Large Entity | |
|---|------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| | Claims After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Add'l Fee | Rate | Add'l Fee |
| Total | 27 | Minus | 52 | 0 | x \$9= | 0 | x \$18= | |
| Indep. | 5 | Minus | 10 | 0 | x 44= | 0 | x \$88= | |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim | | | | | +\$150= | --- | +\$300= | |
| | | | | | total add'l fee | \$ 0 | total add'l fee | \$ 0 |

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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| Signature | | Date: | October 28, 2004 |

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| Signature | | Date: | October 28, 2004 |
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